

CLARK COUNTY CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 21, 2001
6:00 – 9:30 PM

Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Willie Bourlet, Cal Ek, Dana Kemper, Susan Rasmussen,
Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Peter Tuck

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Excused Absence

Robert Agard, and Mary Martin

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, and Earl Rowell

Public

Virginia VanBreemen

Introduction:

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, and public were introduced. Chair, Commissioner Kemper, then called the meeting to order.

Agenda and material review:

Mr. Rowell reviewed the packet of materials for tonight's meeting:

1. February 21, 2001, Agenda;
2. Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting notes dated, February 7, 2001; and
3. Preliminary Draft – Clark County Clean Water Commission Facilitated Work sessions Project, February 1, 2001.

02/7/01 meeting notes:

The notes for the Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting held, Wednesday, February 7, 2001 were approved as written.

Group Discussion

Update of facilitator process:

Mr. Tuck revised the original Clark County Clean Water Commission Facilitated Work sessions Project, as determined at the February 7, Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting. Mr. Tuck submitted the revised proposal to Mr. Vaughn Brown, care of, Jeanne Lawson and Associates.

Mr. Rowell: Next week I will submit the following information to the Clark County Board of Commissioners:

- ◆ A staff report which would request that the BOCC give the Director of Public Works the authority to hire a facilitator for the Clark County Clean Water Commission;
- ◆ A stipulation that the total bill shall not exceed ~~\$20,000~~, \$17,369;
- ◆ A copy of the Clark County Clean Water Commission Facilitated Work sessions Project proposal from Vaughn Brown; and
- ◆ An outline of the budgetary costs regarding hiring a facilitator.

Mr. Ek: I do not think we should ask for more money than what Mr. Brown has indicated in the Clark County Clean Water Commission Facilitated Work sessions Project proposal.

Mr. Rowell: The amount not to exceed will be changed to read \$17,369, which will reflect the amount Mr. Brown submitted in the Clark County Clean Water Commission Facilitated Work sessions Project proposal.

Mr. Rowell: I would like to recommend that we invite Rusty Post from the Washington Department of Ecology, to the March 7, 2001 Clean Water Commission meeting. I would like him to talk about the grant application process, and then answer any questions the Clean Water Commissioners may have.

Mr. Bourlet: Will he know the details regarding who is doing water testing in Clark County?

Mr. Rowell: He will know a great deal about whom is doing water testing in Clark County.

Mrs. Rasmussen: I received information from John Akers, who operates a water-testing program using students from the Evergreen School District. They perform 15 different tests, at 5 different sites, 4 times per year. The Washington Department of Ecology wrote the manual that these groups follow for water testing. This Saturday, February 24th is one of the testing days and Mr. Bourlet and I will be observe this process. Mr. Akers works closely with an organization called SWERP (Student Watershed Research Project). Stacy Renfro, the director of SWERP, works through the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology with the Saturday Academy.

I asked Ms. Renfro how accurate is the water monitoring data they collect? Ms. Renfro stated that the city of Lake Oswego uses the information for their NPDES permit. Their level of testing is considered a level 3, in which 4 is the highest level.

Mrs. Rasmussen: Ms. Renfro said she would be willing to attend a Clean Water Commission meeting and answer any questions we may have.

Mr. Ek: I think it would benefit this Commission to pursue a relationship with SWERP,

Rough Draft Annual Report:

The Clean Water Commission reviewed the Rough Draft Annual Report and made the following modifications:

1. Under **Introduction**: The Clean Water Commissioners questioned the use of *excessive stormwater flows*, as one of the intents of the NPDES permit.
2. Under **Objectives**: The Clean Water Commissioners agreed to add: *Oversight of the effectiveness of the program by the Clean Water Commission.*
3. Under **Goals**: The Clean Water Commission suggested adding *appropriately* to: *Spend program dollars appropriately and efficiently.*
4. Under **Goals**: The Clean Water Commission decided to add: *To assure clean water discharge of Clark County's Stormwater systems.*
5. Under **Maintenance and Operations**: The Clean Water Commission agreed to change the policy to become: *Each year the County will review the records and then revise a schedule for the following year based upon information they received from accumulation they took off the road.*
6. **Monitoring and Evaluation**: The Clean Water Commissioners recommended adding: *an estimated completion date of 2001* for establishing a centralized stormwater management data system.
7. Under **Monitoring and Evaluation**: The Clean Water Commissioners expressed concerns over: *the use of illicit discharge information, and including the laboratory data that was received.* The Clean Water Commissioners would like to add *that some of the tests were passed onto Clark County, Department of Community Development, Code Enforcement.*
8. Under **Public Involvement and Education**: The Clean Water Commissioners wanted to know: *how many post cards were returned, and a sample of the comments made from the more than 3200 that were mailed out to Clark County Businesses.*
9. Regarding Figure 1. 2000 Revenue and Budget Summary, the Clean Water Commissioners would like this table to be set up like Figure 2. 2001-2002 Revenue and Budget Summary.
10. Under **Public Involvement and Education**: The Clean Water Commissioners would like more information on: *the River Rangers Program.*
11. Under **Capital Improvement Projects**: The Clean Water Commissioners would like to indicate: *how many F.T.E.'s were used in the process of identifying capital improvements to address existing stormwater quality problems, and to have capital plans in place for each watershed in unincorporated Clark County.*
12. Under **Coordination/Administration**: The Clean Water Commissioners would like to change the sentence to read: *the Clean Water Commission is charged with the task of ensuring that the clean water effort is responsive to citizens.*
13. Under **Year 2000 Revenue and Budget**: The Clean Water Commissioners would like to eliminate the sentence: *the fee is based upon the relative contribution to increased surface and stormwater.* It should read: *the fee is based on land use and impervious surface.*
14. Under **Organizational Structure**: The Clean Water Commissioners would like to eliminate the following sentences: *County staff also look at the big picture impacts that stormwater runoff has on watersheds. This is important in determining current and future stormwater quality problems.*
15. Under **Organizational Structure**: The Clean Water Commissioners would like the parenthesis around the following sentence removed to read: *the overall goal is obtain trend information to make informed decisions.*
16. Under **Organizational Structure**: The Clean Water Commissioners would like to add the following bulleted sentence: *Education and continued education of Clark County Staff.*

Mr. Rowell: I will make the revised changes to the annual report and have it ready for review by the next Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting, Wednesday, March 7, 2001.

Review Calendar of meetings

Quarterly meeting with the Board of County Commissioners, April 2001.

Looking Ahead:

Potential Modifications to Ordinance
Incentives

Adjourn

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Commissioner Kemper adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at Clark County Public Works Operations Department Conference Room, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., 4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Frost

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